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also notify competent American physician in Zacapa, keeping all suspects out, as that is a point of danger. I find disinfecting materials on hand but no place of any kind in which to use them. Am making best efforts to have a small room built on the wharf for this essential purpose, as will doubtless have immediate use for such a compartment. I have not as yet entered regularly upon my duties for this reason. I have completed the code book as instructed.

The health of this place is very good.

Respectfully,

SAMUEL W. BACKUS,

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The SURGEON-GENERAL,

*U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.*

HAWAIIAN ISLANDS.

*No plague since March 31.*

WASHINGTON, D. C., *April 19, 1900.*

SIR: I have the honor, by direction of the Secretary of State, to inform you that a telegram of the 10th instant has been received from the consul-general at Honolulu, which reads as follows: "No cases or deaths since March 31.

Respectfully,

THOS. W. CRIDLER,

*Third Assistant Secretary.*

Hon. SECRETARY OF THE TREASURY.

*Report from Honolulu—One more case of plague.*

HONOLULU, H. I., *April 9, 1900.*

SIR: I have the honor to inform you that since my last report, March 31, 1 new case of plague was discovered late on that day. The case was fatal and the victim was Catharine Sullivan, a young white girl, aged 13 years, who lived on Liliha street near School street. In this, the infection was supposed to have been carried to the girl by her stepfather who was employed in guarding infected premises for the board of health. We have passed eight days now without any new cases and the prospects are encouraging.

The detention camp at Kalihi has been closed and only what is known as the Battery Camp remains open for the reception of persons taken from suspicious areas. There are 2 convalescents at the pesthouse, but no other cases.

No cases of plague have been reported from the other islands and Kahului and Hilo seem free from infection. Surgeon Kinyoun informs me that a report has reached Surgeon Gassaway from Kahului that there had been 30 deaths per month for the past two months on Spreckelsville plantation, near Kahului, in a population of about 3,000 people.

I have interviewed Dr. Garvin, of the Hawaiian board of health, who has just returned from duty at Kahului, and he informs me that he personally investigated the matter; that the number of deaths were 20, not 30 per month, and that the deaths were caused by dysentery and typhoid fever, and that there was no suspicion of plague. Some time ago there was a severe epidemic of typhoid fever on some of the plantations on the island of Molokai. The breaking up of the virgin soil on the plantations sometimes gives rise to severe forms of malarial fever, which are fatal among the Asiatic laborers.